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	Letter to the United States (Elected Office (DO/EO/US)	Attorney's Docket Number JEK/Vater				
	a Filing Under <i>35 USC 371</i>	U.S. Application Number of Francis 16 5 6				
International Application Number PCT/EP99/03385	International Filing Date 17 May 1999	Priority Date Claimed 18 May 1998				
Title of Invention ACCESS-CONTROLLED DATA STO	RAGE MEDIUM					
Applicanu(s) for DO/EO/US Harald VATER et al.						

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items under 35 USC 371:

- 1. \infty This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- 2.

 This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.
- This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 USC 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
- 4.

 ☑ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- 5. \boxtimes A copy of the International Application as filed 35 USC 371(c)(2).
 - a. \square is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b.

 has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. \square is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- 6.

 A translation of the International Application into English (35 USC 371(c)(2)).
- 7. Mathematical Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3))
 - a. \square are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
 - b. \square have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
 - c. \square have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- 8.

 A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371(c)(3)).
- 9. ☑ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 USC 371(c)(4)). (☐ Executed ☑ Unexecuted)
- 10.

 △ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 16 below concern other document(s) or information included:

- 11.

 An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- 12.

 An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- - □ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- 14. □ A substitute specification.
- 15. □ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- 16.

 ☐ Other items or information: 4 sheets of formal drawings

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17. The following fees are submitted: Basic National Fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)): Search report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO								
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT					\$	860.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than \square 20 \square 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).								
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED		NUMBER EXTRA	RATE				
Total Claims	41	-20 =	21	× \$18.00	\$. 378.00		
Independent Claims	3	-3 =		× \$80.00				
Multiple Dependent Claims (if applicable) + \$270.00								
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS				\$	1,238.00			
Reduction by ½ for filing by small entity, if applicable. Verified Small Entity Statements must also be filed (Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28)								
SUBTOTAL SUBTOTAL					\$	1,238.00		
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than \square 20 \square 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).								
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE					\$	1,238.00		
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property.								
H	TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED			\$	1,238.00			
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					Charged:			

a.	\$1,238.00	to cover the fees is enclosed.
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Note: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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DATE: 17 November 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.